

# Reflecting on Progress since the 2005 NARSTO Emissions Inventory Report

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Improving Emission Inventories for Effective Air Quality Management Across North America



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### NARSTO 2005 Emissions Inventory Report

- NARSTO was a public/private partnership that worked towards improved air quality management in North America
- The 2005 publication "Improving Emission Inventories for Effective Air Quality Management Across North America: A NARSTO Assessment" sought to identify the strengths and weaknesses of North American emissions inventories
- That process yielded 8 key elements for improvement



#### NARSTO 2005 Emissions Inventory Report: 8 Recommendations

1.Reduce uncertainties associated with emissions from key under-characterized sources.

2. Improve speciation estimates.

3. Improve existing emission inventory tools and develop new ones.

- 4. Quantify and report uncertainty.
- 5. Increase inventory compatibility and comparability.
- 6. Improve user accessibility.
- 7. Improve timeliness.
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### How each Recommendation Fits into the Emission Inventory Process



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### Propose a "subjective" 5 star rating to each of the 10 source categories in Recommendation #1 and to the remaining 7 recommendations.



These stars are my opinion and they are a rough assessment of how much things have improved since 2005.



## **1.Reduce uncertainties from key under-characterized sources**

**NARSTO Recommendation:** Focus immediate measurement and development efforts on 10 areas of greatest known uncertainty.

Top 10 most uncertain	5 star rating
Fine particles & precursors	AAAAA
Toxic and HAPs	AAAAA
Onroad vehicles	AAAAA
Offroad vehicles	$\Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta$
Agricultural NH <sub>3</sub> sources	
Biogenic Source	
Petrochemical industrial facilities	
Open biomass burning	****
Residential wood combustion	AAAAAA
Paved and Unpaved Road Dust	A



### **1.Reduce uncertainties from key** under-characterized sources

#### MOVES most sophisticated and detailed emissions model for onroad and offroad sources MOVES and Other Mobile Source Emissions SHARE (f) (🔊 (P) 🖾

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#### **MOVES Onroad Technical Reports**

The technical reports for MOVES2014 describe the default inputs and algorithms for EPA's latest version of MOVES: MOVES2014b. Technical reports for earlier versions of MOVES are included here because much of the technical information in the latest versions of MOVES builds off of information developed for previous versions.

These reports focus on MOVES inputs and algorithms for cars, trucks and other onroad emission sources. MOVES also covers a wide variety of nonroad sources. See the Nonroad Technical Reports page for reports focused on MOVES nonroad inputs and algorithms.

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MOVES Algorithms

EPA's MOtor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES) is a state-of-the-science emission modeling system that estimates emissions for mobile sources at the national, county, and project level for criteria air pollutants, greenhouse gases, and air toxics.

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MOVES Development

**Current Status: MOVES** incorporates a large amount of data; impact on air quality models continues to be studied



## 1. Reduce uncertainties from key under-characterized sources

### Biomass Burning: Substantial Research continues on all aspects





Fig. 4. Time series of daily wildland fire acres burned from SMARTFIRE2 across the contiguous United States (2008–2012). Values are reported in Millions of hectares (1M ha = 104 km<sup>2</sup>, 1 ha = 2.47 acres).

#### <u>**Current Status</u>**: See Friday's Fire Session 10 AM Reunion A for some of the latest improvements/research</u>



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Agricultural Ammonia Emissions: Source is bi-directional and requires a separate inline model within an air quality model

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#### Evaluation of a regional air-quality model with bidirectional NH<sub>3</sub> exchange coupled to an agroecosystem model

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### **1. Reduce uncertainties from key** under-characterized sources

#### Fine Particulates 4

- Significant work has been done to improve PM2.5 estimates both in measurement and in modeling.
- This is a very broad area of recommendation that encompasses nearly • all emission sources.
- PM2.5 model performance has greatly improved and the CMAQ aerosol module has been significantly upgraded during past 15 years and is now at version 7.

#### Toxics and HAPs \*\*\*\*☆☆☆



- HAP and CAP inventories are becoming more consistent and are both part of the NEI
- much more work is needed to reduce uncertainty and improve consistency.



## 1. Reduce uncertainties from key under-characterized sources



Biogenic Emissions: limited resources have resulted in only modest updates to this sector

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Petrochemical Facilities: Significant changes to this sector over the past 15 years; Oil and Gas reporting tool

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Residential Wood Combustion: Updated temporal profiles and allocation based on temperature, still uncertainty of emission factors, appliance data. Surrogates have been an issue in the past but have been update

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Paved and Unpaved Roads: except for updates to temporal allocation based meteorological parameters, only modest improvements for this sector





#### 2. Improve speciation estimates

NARSTO Recommendation: Develop new and improve existing source speciation profiles and emission factors

SPECIATE 5.0 Released 2019





Atmospheric Environment Volume 207, 15 June 2019, Pages 93-104



An assessment of important SPECIATE profiles in the EPA emissions modeling platform and current data gaps

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Number of profiles added to the various releases of SPECIATE



<u>**Current Status:**</u> Release of SPECIATE 5.0 has greatly improved our methods for incorporating profiles into our modeling platforms (i.e. 2017 modeling platform)





### 3. Improve existing emissions inventory tools and develop new ones

Recommendation: Apply new technological capabilities to allow models to more closely approximate actual emissions

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The observed response of Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI)  $NO_2$  columns to  $NO_x$  emission controls on power plants in the United States: 2005–2011

Bryan N. Duncan <sup>a, \*</sup>, Yasuko Yoshida <sup>a, b</sup>, Benjamin de Foy <sup>c</sup>, Lok N. Lamsal <sup>a, d</sup>, David G. Streets <sup>e</sup>, Zifeng Lu <sup>e</sup>, Kenneth E. Pickering <sup>a</sup>, Nickolay A. Krotkov <sup>a</sup> A new global anthropogenic SO<sub>2</sub> emission inventory for the last decade: a mosaic of satellite-derived and bottom-up emissions

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<u>**Current Status:</u>** The issue of how to incorporate new measurements and tools into emissions inventories needs to be continually addressed to make the best use of technological improvements. Comparing and contrasting techniques is recommended.</u>





#### **4. Quantify and report uncertainty** NARSTO Recommendation: Develop guidance, measures, and techniques to improve uncertainty quantification, and include measures of uncertainty as a standard part of reported emission inventory data.

- WebFIRE is an online database of criteria pollutant emissions factors that supplements existing AP-42 documents, can calculate uncertainty based upon emissions test characteristics and applications
- Future work: use updated historical (1750-2014) emissions time series in Community Emissions Data System (CEDS) to create uncertainty estimates for global inventory

#### **Quantification of emission factor uncertainty**

George Pouliot ➡, Emily Wisner, David Mobley & William Hunt Jr. Pages 287-298 | Accepted author version posted online: 20 Jan 2012, Published online: 24 Feb 2012

<u>**Current Status**</u>: More inclusion and quantification of uncertainty continues to be needed to assist research studies and prioritize inventory updates.





## 5. Increase inventory compatibility and comparability

NARSTO Recommendation: Define and implement standards for emission inventory structure, data documentation, and data reporting for North

hemispheric transport of air pollution

American emission inventories.



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Comparing emission inventories and model-ready emission datasets between Europe and North America for the AQMEII project

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HTAP\_v2.2: a mosaic of regional and global emission grid maps for 2008 and 2010 to study

<u>**Current Status:**</u> The amount of publicly available documentation and communication from domestic and international inventories has increased significantly in recent years. Comparability of inventories developed with different goals remains a challenge, but comparisons can be useful for some sources and species if primary data is understood.

<sup>16</sup> 8/19/2019 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency





#### 6. Improve user accessibility

#### NARSTO Recommendation: Improve user accessibility to emission inventory data, documentation, and emission inventory models through the Internet or other electronic formats.

2014 National Emissions Inventory Report

Air polition – created by human activities such as vehicle use, industrial operations, and agriculture practices, or by natural events such as wildfires – an influence air quality and public health. This interactive National Emissions Inventory (NEI) Report explains how air emissions dath are generated and used, and provides tools that explore emission frends and source contributions to air pollution. It hiphilights the most recent comprehensive and complete NEI, 2014 version 2, retisead in February 2018. National to NEI data.

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<u>**Current Status:**</u> User accessibility has greatly improved, but the NEI process remains complex, requiring specialized expertise to fully implement.

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### 7. Improve timeliness



NARSTO Recommendation: Create and support a process for preparing and reporting national emission inventory data on a yearly basis.

Time ~37 months to produce version 2 NEIs: (e.g. NEI2008v2 report released Feb 2012; 2014version2 report released Feb 2018)

Having a multi-year inventory with consistent methodology would make long-term retrospective analysis easier and encourage use of existing inventories

- Researchers at EPA have produced a 1990-2010 gridded emissions inventory for regional chemical transport modeling
- Community Emissions Data System (CEDS) provides global 1750-2014 emissions
- EPA/ORD is planning a 2002-2017 set of emissions based on consistent methods to the extent possible

Current Status: The Toxics Release Inventory is annual; the NEI will maintain its three-year cycle barring significant increase in investment. Separate emissions inventories have been developed and should continue to be updated with clear documentation.



## Protection 8. Assess and improve emission projections

NARSTO Recommendation: Emission projection methodologies for all emission inventory sectors in North America should be evaluated to determine the accuracy of past projections and identify areas of improvement for future projections.

- EPA-projected inventories are generated for modeling specific criteria pollutant rules, typically shorter term projections (i.e. 5- 10 years)
- National-scale Greenhouse Gas (GHG) projections are submitted in the US Biennial Report to the United Nations on longer-term time frames (i.e. projecting to 2050, 2100)



<u>Current Status</u>: Challenges remain when developing and maintaining appropriate emission projections, and when assessing accuracy of past emissions projections is needed to inform future projections.





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- 3. Improve existing emission inventory tools and develop new ones.  $\bigstar$
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- 5. Increase inventory compatibility and comparability.  $\star \star \star \star \star \star \star$
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